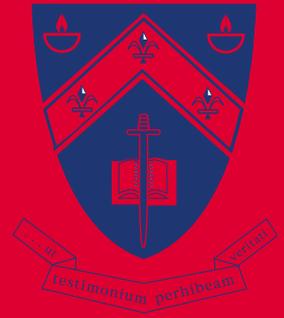


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## St. Mary's College Newsletter

### College Sponsors Guide Dog



Laura Hartmann and Xavier Andriske with Liam

The students at St Mary's College have a new and particularly playful fellow 'student' – an eight-week old black Labrador puppy and trainee Guide Dog called **Liam**. Liam is the first Guide Dog puppy for St Mary's but the third for Deputy Principal Alex West, who joined the College in January. Alex, no doubt the only University of Melbourne residential college staff member with a play pen, dog toys and a puppy in his office, sees the College's new role as a Puppy Raiser for Guide Dogs Victoria as part of its commitment to staff and student engagement in local community service. Alex says Liam will live in the College for a year before returning to the Guide Dog Centre in Kew for further training and assessment.

"The role of a Puppy Raiser is to help socialise the puppies and to introduce them to all the sights, sounds and smells they are likely to encounter as a working Guide Dog. The College provides an ideal environment for doing this. For many students, being away from home means missing a loved pet and the opportunity to have a 'college dog' is appreciated by everyone, with the added benefit of assisting the excellent work of Guide Dogs Victoria. There is no shortage of helpers, with 160 baby-sitters available to play and help look after Liam – who clearly loves all the attention."

### Diary Dates 2005

**Academic Centre Public Lecture** by Dr Donna Leslie *Creative reconciliation: aboriginal histories, empathy and artistic imagination*, will be held on 27 July 5.15pm

**The Open Circle Mary Ward Symposium** *Spirituality and the Arts*, will be held in the Frewin Room 15 August at 7.30pm.

Applications for the **Mary Ward Grant** to assist those undertaking specialist post-graduate work in theology, pastoral theology and spirituality close on 18 October.

A Mass for the **Deceased Alumni and Friends** of the College will be held in the Chapel on Friday 25 November at 6.00pm, followed by light refreshments.

Further information can be obtained from **St. Mary's College**  
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## Some Words from the Principal

The St. Mary's College Library, now named the Frewin Room, has become a centre for wonderful community gatherings. The room is named in honour of Mother Francis Frewin, Principal of St. Mary's from 1944-1969. The first special occasion was held on 4 March. This was the celebration of our Commencement Mass by Father Michael Elligate with the theme *Welcome, Grow, Change*. A second Mass formed a central part of College Day held on 13 May. It opened with Holly de Jong playing the *Trumpet Voluntary* and the students reflecting on the thoughts that *We are one but we are many*.

During the second half of the semester the Frewin Room became a Creative Arts Centre. Music filled the room in late April for the JCR Jam which showcased a wide range of talent: seasoned performers and novices; classical to popular and comedy. The audience remained and encores continued after the program had concluded and the performers were thanked. From 19-21 May the College Play, a French farce *A Flea In Her Ear* was staged in the Frewin Room. To appreciative audiences, our thespians played with obvious enjoyment and talent. Parents were invited to high-tea on the Saturday and many stayed for the final play performance. On 15 August the College is hosting The Mary Ward Symposium, *Spirituality and the Arts* in the Frewin Room and we warmly invite you to join with us for this special evening.

Those who attended the opening last year of our joint Academic Centre



St. Mary's College Winning Softball team

would have heard Mr Allan Myers QC speak of 'his hope that this building is but the first step to the creation of a single Catholic residential college within The University of Melbourne'. For the first fifty years of St. Mary's life that was indeed the case as the Hall, as it was known, was an integral part of Newman College. Situated on separate premises both residences were considerably smaller in numbers and able to keep in close touch with individual students. Post-war reconstruction and the dramatic growth in educational opportunities led to considerable expansion in student numbers at both St. Mary's and Newman.

The granting by the Commonwealth Government of financial aid in the form both of building grants and annual subsidies made it possible for St. Mary's to meet the cost of independence and of expansion in 1966. This decision was not taken lightly with the certain knowledge that it would involve loss and gain on both sides. The deciding factor was the prospective increase in enrolments at both residences. St. Mary's considered that it would become very difficult to retain a sense of corporate unity unless the total size of the College could be kept within bounds. Combined activities continued to flourish as before, tutorials, plays, concerts, sporting and social events.

Certainly, the recent expansion of the

joint tutorial program held at the Academic Centre and the combining of our resource collections augers well for future fruitful co-operation. It is timely for us to reflect on the Mission and Ministry of St. Mary's: the diversity of choice we offer to the Catholic population of Victoria and beyond with our unique history, philosophy, religious expression, clientele, community, size and atmosphere. The pioneer of St. Mary's College, Mother Mary Gonzaga Barry IBVM, wrote in July 1895 to the then Chancellor of The University of Melbourne, Sir Anthony Brownless, about her vision of establishing a Catholic Hostel on a small scale.

*"At present there is a house, 17 Burlington Terrace Lansdowne Street East Melbourne, rented by my sister Miss Barry and a sister of our late Bishop, Dr O'Connor, Mrs Murtagh – these ladies have taken the house for the winter season and, to oblige us, would accommodate two or three young lay students and with good brains. The expense of board and lodging is £1 a week and College fees alone would be required. I think that this is a chance to make a beginning without any great outlay that we Catholics should not lose. If it were begun and succeeded in attracting students, it might lead to something of great importance."*

**Maureen Burke IBVM**



St. Mary's College Winning Tennis Team



## News Around The College:

The inaugural **Deirdre Rofe Colloquium** was held in the Frewin Room on Sunday 10 April. In 2004 the Heads of Colleges of The University of Melbourne decided to sponsor an annual colloquium to honour the exemplary contribution of Sr. Deirdre Rofe IBVM to the university and its affiliated colleges. Sr. Deirdre was Principal of St. Mary's College from 1997 until her death on 16 August 2002. The colloquium marks the affection and esteem in which Sr. Deirdre was held by her colleagues and seeks to foster the seriousness and conviviality of discourse that characterized her conception and practice of collegiality.

Fifty-five representatives of the colleges and halls of residences participated in a forum concerning "What Happened to the Full-Time Student?" The lively discussion was led by Dr. Kerri-Lee Krause of the University's Centre for the Study of Higher Education. The discourse covered the impact of the dramatic increase of part-time work undertaken during the term by undergraduates and how that work commitment influences learning styles, subject choices, participation in extra-curricular activities and contribution to College community life.

### New Deputy Principal and Dean - Alexander West

At the commencement of 2005 the College was delighted to welcome Alex West as our new Deputy Principal and Dean. Alex has worked as a Residential Manager at the University of Auckland New Zealand and at two residential colleges at Deakin University Geelong. His first degrees were a Bachelor of Commerce and Administration in Marketing Management and a Bachelor of Arts in World Religion and Politics from Victoria University of Wellington. He then completed a Bachelor of Divinity in Systematic Theology and Ethics from the University of Otago, Dunedin. Alex is currently working on his PhD in medical ethics.

### New Members of the Senior Common Room

Three new resident tutors were welcomed to the senior Common Room: Janelle Moran - English Literature, Sr.Thathathai Singa - Theology and Kym Sheehan - studying for her PhD in Law. They join Kyle Hathaway and Ian McDonald - Engineering, Emma Patterson and Lyra Reyes - Medicine, Carlo Scassera - Social Work and Fiona Patterson - Philosophy.

### New Provincial Superior, Australian Province of the I.B.V.M.

The new Provincial Superior, Sr. Christine Burke, has recently joined the Principal's Residence at St. Mary's College. Sr.Christine has researched and written some wonderful material on the role of women in the church and published articles in the magazine *Eureka Street*. Her book *Through a woman's eyes: encounters with Jesus* has had two imprints. A member of her new Provincial Council is our former Dean, Sr. Elizabeth Hepburn. Elizabeth is currently employed by Catholic Health Australia as an Ethics Educator.

In late May the College hosted ABC 774 afternoon presenter **Virginia Trioli** for an evening of conversation with St Mary's students. Over seventy students listened as Eliza Ginnivan (third year Media&Communications/Law) and Francis McCarthy (first year Journalism) interviewed Virginia on the role of media in society, media ethics and the challenges facing women in the media before opening the discussion to questions from the floor. Students engaged in a lively debate about recent news events, the role of media in challenging or representing society and the controversy surrounding the recent editing of an interview transcript on the ABC website. Virginia Trioli who was awarded a 2005 ABC Local Radio Award proved equal to the challenge, giving both an overview of the key issues and also raising some of the difficulties and problems faced by media researchers in balancing news, ethics, people and events, stimulating a lively and thought-provoking discussion that was echoed during the following weeks as students continued to debate both the issues and the evening's discussion.



Virginia Trioli with Francis McCarthy and Eliza Ginnivan

One of our current students, **Nathan Shannon**, was recently interviewed by *The Age* newspaper about a government warning that there could be a severe shrinkage in the number of farm businesses in the future. Nathan, like many other young country Victorians has come to St. Mary's for a tertiary education and to improve his chances of finding work outside the farm. The 20-year-old student is a fourth-generation farmer and until three years ago worked on his family's irrigation dairy farm at Numurkah, north of Shepparton.

Nathan, a third year agricultural science student, intends to return to the family business in the future, but wants to spend the next 10 to 15 years in a job that will teach him the management skills he requires for the transition. He feels that he needs to develop specialist skills in the city to give him a competitive edge when he returns to farming. While other young people are lured by high-powered city careers and big pay packets Nathan says his heart is in farming.

## 70's Reunion

Past students and staff enjoyed a marvellous 'back to College' evening in the Frewin and Dining Rooms on Saturday 30 April. As well as enjoying the wonderful food and congenial company many friends nostalgically visited their former rooms. They marvelled at the changes that have occurred over the thirty years (or so) since their residency. **Merran Ware** and **Maria Gardani** said they felt like young students again waking up in South wing! Sr. Maureen took groups over the new Academic Centre and talked about current students' interests and activities. Amongst those present was **Barbara Moore** (Law 1970-1972) who has been working full-time as an author and has had four children's books published by Pearsons over recent years. Barbara's titles are *The House That Jacob Built*, *Bird Magic*, *Amanda's House* and *The Case of the Disappearing Seals*. She also publishes poetry. Barbara has recently been accepted into the MA in Creative



Hon. Kevin Andrews MP with Sr. Joan Nowotny enjoying the 70's Reunion

Writing program at The University of Melbourne.

## Congratulations to:

**Andrew Gregory** (1995-1996) was awarded this year's best short animation film by the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA). The 10 minute film *Birthday Boy* tells the story of a child who was orphaned during the 1950-1953 Korean War. Following St. Mary's Andrew transferred to Sydney to study law before enrolling in the former Australian Film, Television and Radio School. Andrew then worked in the Business Affairs Department for SBS before moving into film production. *Birthday Boy* also received an Oscar Nomination.

Past students **Elizabeth Wharton** (Institute of Land and Food Resources 2000-2004) and **Sophie Ferris** Science/ Commerce 2001-20002) graduated in March 2005 in The University of Melbourne *Student Ambassador Leadership Program*. This course of 18 months duration includes leadership development, workshops, personal projects and community service. The students offer their volunteer service to non-profit



Sr. Maureen Burke with Elizabeth Wharton and Sophie Ferris

organisations or create their own projects aimed at addressing the needs of a community group.

Surgeon **Dr. Russell Gruen** (1994-1995) has recently completed his PhD. entitled "Access, outreach and the outback: a population-based study of the delivery of specialist surgical

services to remote Aboriginal communities in Australia's Northern Territory." Russell spent time working with Kunbarlanjinja Health Service at Oenpelli, via Winnellie in the Northern Territory. Russell is working on a Trauma Fellowship in Seattle during 2005.



News of **Zom Chizura** (1993-1994) from Harare "When I returned back to Zimbabwe in August 1994, I rejoined PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) as a senior Consultant in their management consulting division. My area of focus at the time was Operations Management consulting. When I was at PwC, I started on an MBA program at the University of Zimbabwe. By the time I completed my MBA in 2000, I had

left PwC and was now working for Old Mutual Asset Managers Zimbabwe as the head of research, with responsibility for investment strategy. I am still with Old Mutual Asset Managers Zimbabwe but I am now Managing Director of the company, a position that I took up on 1 June 2004. You may know that old Mutual is an international financial services group that is listed on the London Stock Exchange. Importantly,

I would also like to mention that I got married to Beulah and I am pleased that St. Mary's was represented by two former students, **Caroline Gorman** (Commerce 1991-1993) and **Karina Creed** (Physiotherapy 1992-1994), who both travelled from their posts in the United Kingdom to attend our wedding."

## News of Former Collegians:

Congratulations to **Stephanie Dunstan** (Arts 1995-1996) on her appointment as the 2006 Year of the Turtle Campaign and Communications Manager. Her position is with the United National Environment Program in the regional office for Asia/Pacific in Bangkok. 2006 has been declared the Year of the Marine Turtle to encourage conservation efforts for the nearly extinct marine turtles. Stephanie's role is to coordinate awareness raising activities in SE Asian countries and promote the program across media networks. After completing her Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Policy and Management at The University of Melbourne, Stephanie

completed a Masters of Science in Environmental Politics from the London School of Economics.

**Dr. Annmarie Elijah** addressed the students at this year's Commencement Dinner. Annmarie came to college to study Arts in 1993. She completed an Honours Degree achieving the highest result in the Political Science department in 1996. Following graduation Annmarie worked variously as a tutor, a researcher, a journalist, an electoral officer and a ministerial advisor. Annmarie returned to St. Mary's for a second time after studying in the United Kingdom. She joined the Senior Common Room and became Senior

Tutor for 2000 and 2001. She completed her doctorate in Political Science and currently works in the department of the prime Minister and Cabinet in Canberra. *"Ten years on from St. Mary's, I think of my friends from here with enormous-and I think justifiable-pride. Academically and professionally, many of them have gone on to do interesting and useful things. There is a surgeon at St. Vincent's Hospital; a lawyer who runs a community legal centre in Vanuatu; public servants who work in areas such as health policy and international development aid; a vet; an accident and emergency nurse and numerous teachers."*



Dr. Annmarie Elijah with members of the Senior Common Room

**Josephine Garvey** néé Plazzer (Law 1968-1971) who has been living in Perth for the last 23 years writes. "I have not been able to see much of College friends as I have been out of the workforce since I had children (two). My husband John is a partner in a national law firm and my daughter Anna is at the University of Western Australia studying languages. She is currently on exchange at the University of Bologna. My son Tim has just commenced high school and I am embarking on a new career as a personnel consultant. A friend and I recently started our own business "Hanlin Garvey". John and I have travelled quite a lot over the last few years including St. Petersburg and Japan where I belatedly took up skiing. My favourite place is Italy, which we visit as often as we can."

**Dr. Ann Galbally** was the Guest Speaker for College Night. Ann was a resident tutor in English at the College in 1967. She is presently an Emeritus Associate Professor and Honorary Principal Fellow of the Fine Arts Department at The University of Melbourne. Her research interests have included publications on the letters and art of Arthur Streeton, the collections of the National Gallery of Victoria, and works on Australian artists Frederick McCubbin, John Peter Russell and Charles Conder. Her most recent work has been a biography of Redmond Barry; An Anglo-Irish Australian.

**Genevieve Lacey** (1991-1992) recently performed under the musical direction of Sergio de Pieri at the Tenth Annual Organs of Ballarat Goldfields Festival. *The Age* reviewer described the performance from a brilliant local

talent as 'one of the most delicious offerings of the festival was recorder virtuoso Genevieve Lacey.' Genevieve will be sharing her insights into the experience of the spiritual that lies at the heart of creativity during the Mary Ward Symposium on 15 August.

**Sarah Gardiner** (Physiotherapy 2001-2003) topped the final year of her course in December 2004. For her first year out Sarah is working at the Austin Hospital in Heidelberg.

Former St. Mary's student **Associate Professor Alicia Jenkins** (1977-1979) was our guest for the Medical Faculty Dinner in May. It was a wonderful occasion and students were reluctant to leave as they enjoyed her informative talk and learnt a great deal about their chosen course and their possible future directions.



Associate Professor Alicia Jenkins with College Medical students



**First Year Awards**



**Sonja Sokolovska**



**Sandra Ruhayel**



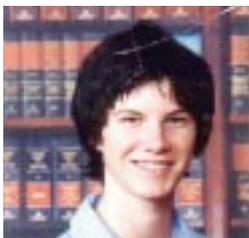
**Alanna Phillips**



**Amy Nguyen**



**Alvin Wai Hon Lam**



**Paul Frederick**



**Elizabeth Bryer**  
St. Mary's College  
Scholarship



**Sophie Serong**  
St. Mary's College  
Scholarship

**Later Year Awards**



**Melissa Chan**  
Patrick Calnan  
Academic Award



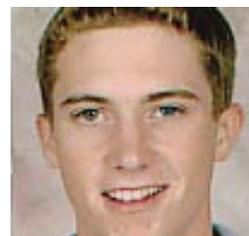
**Maria Stephens**  
Jane Kelly  
Academic Award



**Genevieve Butler**  
Loreto  
Academic Award



**Holly de Jong**  
James McConnell Kerr  
Academic Award



**Samuel O'Connor**  
Francis Frewin  
Academic Award



**David Brownridge**  
Newman  
Academic Award



**Claire Deery**  
Maria Jens Award

**Other Scholarships 2005**



**Bridget Brennan**  
Invergowrie Foundation  
Scholarship



**Melissa Westhead**  
Invergowrie Foundation  
Scholarship

**University Scholarships 2005**



**Emma Hooley**  
Science I  
University Access –  
Melbourne



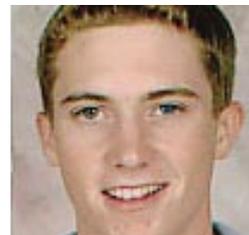
**Elizabeth McBrearty**  
Pharmacy I  
Rural-Monash



**Patricia Susanto**  
Biomedical Science I  
International-Melbourne



**Colm Trusler**  
Law/Commerce I  
University Access-  
Melbourne



**Harshini Weerasinghe**  
Science I  
International-Melbourne



**Monique Cheung**  
Dental Science I  
National-Melbourne



**Michelle O'Sullivan**  
Commerce III  
Faculty Access-Melbourne



**Rainbow Cheung**  
Commerce/Law III  
University Access-Melbourne



## Mary Ward Grant 2006

In order to promote the dignity and role of women in the church and society, the 'Mary Ward Grant' was established to support specialist or post-graduate study of theology, spirituality and pastoral ministry.

This is a partial grant, to assist applicants who have financial need, including those seeking to complete the final year of undergraduate study. Priority is given to Catholic lay women. Other applications will be given serious consideration.

Grants will be offered at the discretion of the Grant Committee. Each application will be treated confidentially on an individual basis, and no discussion on the outcome will be entered into.

Please send completed applications by 18 October to:

**Dr. Denise Desmarchelier**

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**e-mail [denise.loretop@eftel.net.au](mailto:denise.loretop@eftel.net.au)**

## Academic Centre Public Lecture

Dr. Donna Leslie presents:

*Creative reconciliation:  
 Aboriginal histories, empathy and artistic imagination.*

Dr. Donna Leslie, of the Kamileroi people of New South Wales, is the first Indigenous Australian woman to be awarded a PhD from The University of Melbourne. She is also a talented artist with a distinguished exhibition record, and holds professional qualifications in both teaching and art curatorship. Donna Leslie is currently an ARC Research Fellow in the School of Art History, Cinema, Classics and Archaeology, The University of Melbourne, and is preparing a book on the art of Australian artist Tim Johnson and aspects of the spiritual and cross-cultural dimensions of Australian art. Dr. Leslie will discuss the ways in which the artistic imagination may contribute to cross-cultural understanding and how individual creative approaches help towards reconciling history.

**Date:** Wednesday 27th July

**Time:** 5.15pm – 6.15pm

**Venue:** St. Mary's College and Newman College Academic Centre  
 887 Swanston Street, Parkville

Enter via the gate south of Newman College Chapel

**Parking:** Available in Swanston Street

or in the University for \$4, enter via Tin Alley.

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## Bereavements

**Anne Patricia Kennedy**, Senior Student at St. Mary's College in 1945, died on 24 May 2005.



Pat Kennedy (in check suit) with 1945 St. Mary's Hall students

Pat joined St. Mary's Hall on The Avenue in 1941 to study Law. She was admitted to practice on 1 May 1947 and became a partner at Coltmans, Price and Brent located in Bourke Street. This firm later merged with Middletons. Throughout her illustrious career in the law Pat kept in close contact with the College. She wrote "The task of a Catholic College in a non-Catholic university is difficult and delicate, but so necessary and so eminently worthwhile, that for its accomplishment no labour should be held too great, and no efforts too painful." Pat did not spare herself in her work for the College.

In 1964 Pat chaired the building appeal to raise funds for a new College on Swanston Street, located within the university grounds and affiliated with university. St. Mary's Hall, which had served the community since 1918, was no longer large enough to accommodate the number of students seeking admission. Pat was also treasurer of the Centenary

University Building Appeal and Vice-President of the Victorian Women Graduates' Association and past president of the Legal Women's Association. In August 1968 she became an inaugural member of the St. Mary's College Council and served until 1984. Speaking at a dinner and reception to mark the College's 60th anniversary Pat emphasised that the broad educational experience of living in St. Mary's had lasted long after her formal academic studies had ended and perhaps had been forgotten.

**Gabrielle Pizzi** (néé Wren) died on 5 December 2004. Following her education at Sacré Coeur Gabrielle came to St. Mary's Hall in 1959 to study Arts. After university Gabrielle worked in art galleries in Rome and Paris before returning to Melbourne and establishing herself as an art dealer. Gabrielle will be remembered for championing contemporary Aboriginal artists and promoting their work long before it was fashionable to do so.